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Filed: October 10, 2001  
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Group: 1761  
Examiner: C. Paden  
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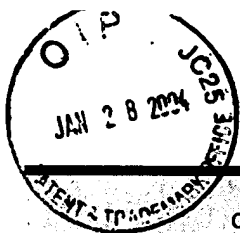
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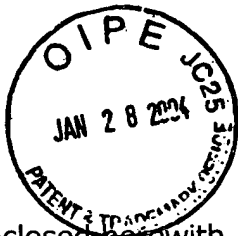
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

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Sir:

The following reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2003. Claims 1-13 were originally filed, claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1 and 3-13 are the claims which remain pending for prosecution on the merits. Reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application, pursuant to and consistent with 37 CFR §1.112, are respectfully requested.



Case No. F7561(V)

Also, enclosed herewith, is a petition to extend the period of responding from December 26, 2003 to January 26, 2004.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.